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SWITALSKI FIGHTS TO KEEP SPECIAL INTEREST OUT OF JUSTICE

(Lansing)- State Senator Michael Switalski (D-Roseville) introduced a resolution that would reform how Supreme Court judicial positions are filled. If passed, Senate Joint Resolution G (SJR G) would appear on the November ballot as a constitutional amendment.

“Political parties should not nominate judges for our highest court nor should judges be forced to raise millions of dollars for their campaigns,” said Switalski.

Switalski’s resolution calls for the Governor to appoint judges to the Michigan Supreme Court, with the governor’s appointments being subject to 2/3 approval of the full Senate. This method is done at the federal level, with the president appointing judges subject to the Senate’s confirmation.

“This change would ensure that centrist, nonpartisan judges serve the state of Michigan and would further enhance judicial independence,” said Switalski.

Currently, Michigan Supreme Court justices are elected for eight-year terms. Candidates are nominated by political parties but are elected on a non-partisan ballot. The resolution has been referred to the Senate Committee on Governmental Operations.

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